



SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd June 2022 at 6.30pm at the Parish Chamber, Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Road, Southwater, West Sussex, RH13 9LA.

Present:

Councillors Present: D Moore (Chairman), G Watkins (Vice-Chair), I Slowly, N Brown, G Turnwell, C Pearce, G Scoon

Other Community Representatives: Dominic Woodhead (Neighbourhood Warden)

Executive Officers of SPC: Justin Tyler

Members of the public: none present in the Chamber and were able to view meeting by Live YouTube Stream

	Actions
<p>1. Welcome from the Chairman and opening of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that this was not a Council meeting, but a Parish Meeting facilitated by the Council for the residents and community of Southwater. He advised that the meeting should be held between 1st March and 1st June and that it would be held between those dates for 2023.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors G Cole, N Knott, P Flores-Moore, C Vickers, I Stannard; County Councillor N Jupp; Mr Nick Longdon (Secretary of SVH); Rev Kath Jones (Southwater Youth Project CIO); David Smith (Southwater Ghyll CIO).</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd June 2021</p> <p>The above Minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Councillor Watkins, seconded by Councillor Slowly and AGREED by those present at the previous meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Report from the Parish Council Chairman</p> <p>The Chairman provided a summary of his annual report which he noted had been circulated to all Councillors and uploaded to the Southwater Parish Council website for resident viewing (<i>can be found under Annual Parish Meetings</i>). He covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southwater Neighbourhood Plan• Tree Surveys, Tree works and Ash Dieback• Anti-social behaviour• Neighbourhood Wardens	

- Southwater Ghyll CIO
- Skate Park Reinstatement on Stakers Lane (Bens Field)
- Refurbishment of Play Areas
- Youth Services, specifically Southwater Youth Project CIO
- WSCC Children & Family Centre
- Fingerposts – Completion of refurbishment to six posts
- Southwater Museum Artifacts being stored for a future Southwater Museum
- Litter Picking
- Changes to Southwater Parish Council Chairman
- Christmas Festival
- Lintot Square
- Budget and reduction in Precept

Community Infrastructure Levy was discussed, and Councillor Brown queried if there were any restrictions on how CIL could be spent. The EO advised there was a criterion as advised by HDC on how CIL could be spent but Southwater Parish Council could spend it on the projects that met these parameters. Councillor Scoon noted the Council received automatic payments of any CIL due in April and October of each year and did not have to actively request it.

The Chairman praised Southwater Ghyll CIO in the advancements they had made with the operation of The Ghyll and the various improvements to the building that were taking place.

The Chairman advised on the following future changes that were being undertaken at present or were in planning which were:

1. Further building extensions and improvements to The Ghyll
2. New Southwater Parish Council Website.
3. Planned upgrades of street lighting in Southwater SPC are responsible for
4. Refurbishment and change of internal structure to Beeson House to accommodate SYP CIO/potential museum for Southwater artifacts.
5. Ongoing meetings with HDC and WSCC to lobby for improvements to highways including a potential path installation on Blakes Farm Road using S106.

The Chairman noted the departure of Councillors M Neale and S Lewis and welcomed the three new Councillors that had joined, Councillors N Brown, G Turnwell and C Pearce, expressing his thanks to all the Councillors new and old for their contributions.

5. To receive annual reports and/or annual accounts from the following bodies who receive grants/funding from the Parish Council

i). Southwater Ghyll CIO

The Chairman noted this was available on the Southwater Parish Council website advising Southwater Ghyll CIO now had the following Licensees operating from The Ghyll which were Southwater Bowls Club, Performance Zone, Infinity Gymnastics, LB Beauty & Massage, and a Café operator. There were various hireable spaces also available.

ii). Southwater Youth Project / Southwater Youth Project CIO

The Chairman advised the full report was available on the Parish Council website. He noted that the Southwater Youth Project in its different forms had been operating for 16 years helping and engaging with children and young people in Southwater with cross stakeholder involvement including schools, community, WSCC and HDC.

Councillor Slowly advised that residents and Councillors must read the testimonials to understand the importance and impact SYP has had on youth.

6. To receive an annual report from Southwater Neighbourhood Community Wardens

Dominic Woodhead (Neighbourhood Warden for Southwater) noted that the annual report and all monthly reports could be found on the Southwater Parish Council website and provided a detailed update on the various areas covered including illegal/nuisance activities such as anti-social behaviour; road safety and traffic such as irresponsible parking; community liaison with various groups, vulnerable residents, local businesses, and schools; environmental matters such as litter and fly tipping. He noted the regular contact with Sussex police NPT and PCSO and also Southwater Parish Council. He advised he had now been a Neighbourhood Warden for 3-years in Southwater and the Neighbourhood Warden scheme was one of seven across the Horsham district. He communicated the involvement the wardens had in identifying and solving community problems and creating community cohesion. In particular the recent anti-social behaviour that Southwater had experienced by a particular core group of individuals had improved as some of the group had now been reengaged with various sporting activities and changed educational settings. He was working with the local businesses, Southwater Parish Council and police to continue to make improvements and implement potential solutions.

Councillor Pearce suggested that the Southwater Police Office could provide assistance where possible to assist the Neighbourhood Wardens and suggested a meeting be held with Dominic and the volunteers working in the police office. Dominic welcomed this suggestion.

Councillor Watkins noted the speed of the reaction of the Neighbourhood Wardens to the recent anti-social behaviour issues and how he had received feedback from the various local businesses that they felt supported by them.

Councillor Scoon expressed his gratitude for the extensive and varied work carried out by the Neighbourhood Wardens.

7. To receive an annual report from Southwater Village Hall

Councillor Scoon noted the annual report had been circulated and was available on the website. He further updated that the new car park had now been completed by Berkeley Homes and the Southwater Village Hall were now waiting to finalise the transfer which was in hand with the solicitors.

8. To receive any verbal reports or updates from the following:

i). Horsham District Council

It was noted this would be made at the next Full Council meeting of 20th July 2022.

ii). West Sussex County Council

It was noted this would be made at the next Full Council meeting of 20th July 2022.

9. To receive an update from the following village bodies

i). Southwater Community Partnership

The Chairman advised there was an event to commemorate the Queen Platinum Jubilee at The Ghyll, which was successful with a significant attendance from residents. Southwater Community Partnership continue to work with the community and would be announcing additional events in the future including a Christmas Event at Lintot Square.

ii). Older Peoples Forum

The Chairman explained the Older Peoples Forum was based in Horsham and provided a platform and voice for older persons, which was not computer based. He provided an update on the outreach program, which provided for hard copy communications and highlighted the benefits of the forum. Also noting the forum worked with Age UK.

10. Public Question Time

The Chairman noted there were no members of the public who had booked in to speak but provided congratulations to Robert Piper for receiving the Platinum Champion award from the Royal Voluntary Services for the long-term work carried out for the community. The Chairman added that Robert holds a plethora of knowledge for Southwater including its history.

The date of the next APM in 2023 to be confirmed.

The Meeting ended at: 7:21pm

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